

NORTH DAKOTA ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE

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WEB DOMAIN NAME STANDARD

Purpose

Align the state with the official government domain (.gov). This will ensure that domain names are under the administration of the state, reducing the possibility of undesirable domains being misconstrued as official government sites. Instill public trust in government websites through the use of the .gov domain.

Standard

1. The official North Dakota government domain is nd.gov.
2. Domains shall be registered as at least a third-level domain within the nd.gov domain.
The third level shall uniquely identify the state agency.
3. All registered nd.gov domains shall adhere to all federal .gov domain registration requirements and guidelines.
4. All non-nd.gov government domains shall redirect to the nd.gov domain by 06/30/2006.

Policy

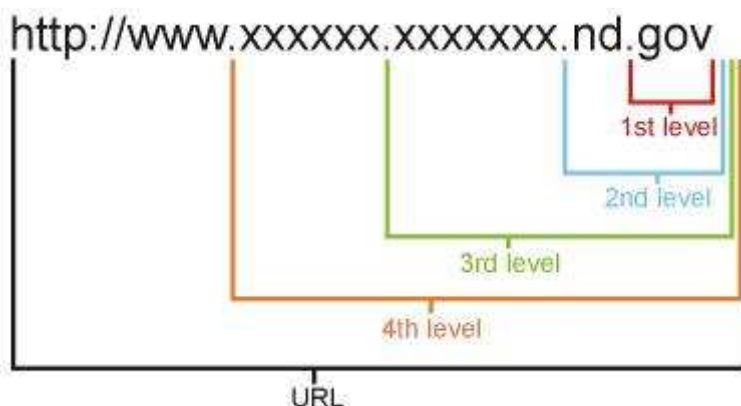
Ensure the state is presenting one presence to the public, allowing for ease of finding state information.

Applicability

This standard applies to all executive branch state agencies excluding the University Systems Office and other higher education institutions, i.e campuses and agricultural and research centers.

Definitions

1. Domain levels:



Guidance

1. Web domain name best practices
<http://www.nd.gov/ea/standards/guidelines/doc/best-practices-web-domain-egt.rtf>
2. Suggest continuation of registering existing domains until such a point when the statistics on usage indicate the non-nd.gov domains are no longer publicly used.
3. Federal regulations
<http://www.dotgov.gov/agree.aspx>
 - a. Eligibility requirements
 - b. Domain naming conventions
 - c. Authorization letter/rules
 - d. Guidelines
4. Examples:

Current Domains	Possible Domains	Possibly resolve to
www.banknd.com	banknd.nd.gov	www.nd.gov/banknd
www.discovernd.com	www.nd.gov	www.nd.gov
www.jobsnd.com	jobs.nd.gov	www.nd.gov/jobs
www.ndtaxdepartment.com	tax.nd.gov	www.nd.gov/tax
www.workforcesafety.com	workforcesafety.nd.gov	www.nd.gov/workforcesafety

Non-Compliance

Non-compliance with this standard shall be reported to the Office of the State Auditor.

Version Control

This standard supersedes EGT005-04.1